

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A port connector mechanism for use in a computer system comprising:

a connector tray having first and second portions pivotably connected together;
a plurality of port connectors disposed in the second portion of the connector tray;
and

an extension/retraction mechanism that locks the first and second portions in a retracted position until released therefrom and enables the released first and second portions to extend to an extended position, wherein the second portion pivots relative to the first portion when the first and second portions are released and in the extended position.

9. (Original) A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8 wherein:

the extension/retraction mechanism comprises a push-push mechanism.

10. (Original) A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8 further comprising:

an actuator button that, upon activation, causes the extension/retraction mechanism to release the connector tray from the retracted position.

11. (Previously presented) A method for changing a number of accessible port connectors of a computer system comprising:

providing the computer system with a multiple-connector tray with first and second portions in a retracted position relative to a housing of the computer system, the multiple-connector tray having plural connectors in the second portion inaccessible in the retracted position;

extending the multiple-connector tray to an extended position relative to the

housing to expose the second portion; and

pivoting the second portion relative to the first portion when the multiple-connector tray is in the extended position to render the plural connectors accessible.

12. (Original) A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:

releasing the multiple-connector tray from the retracted position.

13. (Original) A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:

retracting the multiple-connector tray back to the retracted position.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a retractable multiple-connector apparatus that is mounted inside an aperture of the computer system and not detachable from the computer system wherein the multiple-connector apparatus is push activated to eject through the aperture to expose multiple connectors for simultaneously connecting plural peripheral devices;

a housing; and

wherein the multiple-connector apparatus has a first portion and a second portion, the second portion pivots relative to the housing upon being extended from the housing.

15. (Currently amended) A computer system as defined in claim 14 ~~further comprising:~~

~~a housing;~~

and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is integrated with the housing.

16. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 14 wherein:

the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts entirely into the computer system.

17. (Currently amended) A computer system as defined in claim 14 ~~further comprising:~~

~~a housing;~~

and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts within the

housing to a position at which a remote side of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is flush with a wall of the housing.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A computer system as defined in claim 14~~18~~ wherein:

the second portion of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus pivots to a vertical position relative to the housing.

20. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 19 wherein:

the retractable multiple-connector apparatus further comprises a plurality of connectors accessible from a side away from the housing of the computer system.